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Attorney Docket No. 09812.0201-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Takashi YOKOKAWA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2133  
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Application No.: 10/521,191 ) Examiner: RIZK, Samir Wadie  
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Filed: January 12, 2005 )  
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For: DECODING METHOD, ) Confirmation No.: 8642  
DECODING APPARATUS, AND )  
PROGRAM )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper on page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on  
page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement  
drawing sheets labeled Replacement Sheets 1/7 through 7/7, respectively. The  
amendments are discussed in this paper and are also illustrated in the attached  
annotated drawing sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper, and begin on  
page 11.

**Attachments** to this amendment include:

Replacement Sheets 1/7 through 7/7, which include Figures 1-8, and

Annotated Sheets showing changes to Figure 1-8.